



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Recognizing San Joaquin County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Campaign" and Designating Fire Stations as New Safe Haven Sites

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2004

PREPARED BY: Michael E. Pretz, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council adopts a resolution in support of the San Joaquin County "Safely Surrendered Baby Campaign" and designating all Lodi Fire Stations as new "Safe Haven" sites.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In January of 2001 California enacted a law that provides for the health and safety of unwanted newborn children. In an effort to safeguard the lives of innocent victims the law allows an individual to confidentially surrender an unharmed newborn (three days old or younger) to any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven site.

A program titled "No Shame, No Blame, No Name" was begun at the state level in October of 2002. This public awareness program includes the designation of a sign and emblem identifying "Safe Haven" sites. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors is initiating this program in the county to inform residents of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. It is the intent that various fire station locations be identified as safe haven sites.

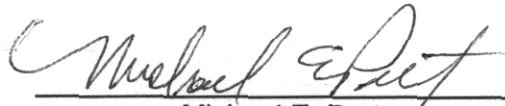
Signs and public access emergency telephone equipment for each "Safe Haven" site will be provided to the city at no cost. Installation of this equipment at each fire station would be the city's responsibility. Public works personnel could install the hardware and a contractor would be required to connect the communication lines to the Emergency 911.

The signage will identify the four City of Lodi Fire Stations as "Safe Haven" sites. An infant that is brought to a fire station would be cared for by fire personnel as an EMS patient and primary considerations are to be given to the care and well being of the child. An ambulance would be dispatched for transporting the child to the hospital. The phone system is a connection to the 911 dispatch center in the event that the fire company is not in the station at the time that an individual brings the infant to the fire station.

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

FUNDING: Installation and connection charges have not been determined - will be funded by the Fire Department operating budget.



Michael E. Pretz
Fire Chief

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Attachments

cc: D. Stephen Schwabauer, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL INITIATING CITY
OF LODI'S "SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY CAMPAIGN" AND
DESIGNATING FIRE STATIONS AS NEW SAFE HAVEN SITES

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2001, California enacted a law that provides for the health and safety of unwanted newborn children, California's Safely Surrendered Baby law; and

WHEREAS, the law allows an individual to confidentially surrender an unharmed newborn three days old or younger at any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven site without fear of criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, a new California campaign unveiled by Governor Gray Davis on October 2, 2002, entitled "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" is aimed at informing the public of the State's Safely Surrendered Baby law; and

WHEREAS, the statewide campaign has adopted a blue-and-white "Safe Haven" emblem, which depicts an infant on an outstretched hand, that will be displayed at legal drop-off sites in California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has requested that County Boards of Supervisors initiate a "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" campaign in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has in turn requested that the City initiate a "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" campaign in Lodi to inform residents of the Safely Surrendered Baby law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi is recognizing various fire station locations as "Safe Havens" for the surrender of newborns 72 hours or younger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby recognize the following fire station locations as "Safe Havens" for the surrender of newborns 72 hours or younger:

Lodi Fire Station #1	210 W. Elm Street, Lodi, CA 95240
Lodi Fire Station #2	705 E. Lodi Avenue, Lodi, CA 95240
Lodi Fire Station #3	2141 S. Ham Lane, Lodi, CA 95242
Lodi Fire Station #4	180 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi, CA 95242

Dated: August 4, 2004

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-157 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 4, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hansen
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk